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MORE LIGHT ON RICE MYSTERY.

POLICE HAVE POISON

GOULDS WILL PAY CASTELLANE DEBTS.

Family Decide to Stop the Scandal at Once—All Will Contribute to a Lump Sum to Settle Claims—Georgeto Visit Paris.

Incur by Count Boni de Castellane even though they amount to \$4,700,000, and many are ridiculously contracted obligations, will be paid in full. Simply because he is the husband of a Gould.

The intimate friend of the late Jay Gould who made this made also the following statement to an Evening World reporter in a conversation this afternoon:

"There is a certain pride running through the Gould family that will care for each member's welfare. The Countess Castellane, or Anna Gould, is a lovely woman, and a sort of family pet. She has always been beloved by her brothers and sisters.

"That this affection for her will be demonstrated in a substantial manner, can be no doubt. They will see to it that she is not in any way annoyed because of her husband's wild extravagance."

"Do you mean that they will pay the millions he owes at once?" "Precisely. Either that will be done for her or an arrangement will be made with her creditors whereby she will be in no way inconvenienced."

Divorce Story is False. "There can be absolutely no credence placed in rumors that the Countess will leave her husband and return to New York. Of course Mr. Gould would go to Paris and probably very shortly it is necessary for him to do so in order to assume his charge as trustee of his sister's portion of the Gould estate, but she will not return with him."

"Why should she?" "The fact that a woman's husband may be a spendthrift is not a good cause for her to desert him. And the Countess Castellane is not going to desert the Count anyway. Her husband's debts are not her fault, and she will not desert her husband, as is everybody's."

"No, there is no occasion for a scandal and there will be none. Countess Castellane will live in France as before her husband's death."

"She will not be forced to live in retirement in comparative poverty, although her husband's reckless extravagance will, of course, come to an end."

"Is it true that the Gould estate has been cut into and amounts to less than the seventy-five millions left by the late Jay Gould?" "No."

"Ridiculous. Everybody who knows the Goulds, as they are called, realizes that they are shrewd business men, possessed of a common sense, an abundance of pride, backed with plenty of ability. They are not given to wasting their inheritance."

"To-day the millions left by the late Jay Gould are increased greatly in number—yes, perhaps not very far from doubled. So, you see, the Goulds have cared well for what they inherited."

"There have been family conferences."

Gould Millions Said to Amount Now to Over \$125,000,000—Anna's Share Has Increased to \$18,000,000, and Her Income is \$1,000,000.

between members of the Gould family since the French authorities appointed George Gould trustee for his sister's fortune. They have been simply talks and an interchange of opinion as to the best way of caring for Anna's (the Countess Castellane's) income.

"No member of the family feels harshly toward Count Castellane. It is simply realized that he has spent money with too free a hand. The best way of paying the debts he incurred has been discussed and as I have said, everything will be paid to the last cent."

"The Goulds pay the Count's debts out of his wife's income, for the principal cannot, of course, be touched because George Gould will not dispose of securities belonging to the estate. He could do it, of course, but it is not the Gould policy."

"From this it may be easily computed that the Countess Castellane is to-day worth close to \$18,000,000. For she still has her interest in the vast estate, and the whole estate is worth over \$125,000,000. It is, therefore, a remote possibility that she will ever be forced to live upon \$18,000,000."

"Is it within Mr. George Gould's power to dispose of the Castellane house on the Bois de Boulogne?" the reporter asked.

Not to Sell the Palace. "Certainly he could do so, but it is doubtful whether he will take such a step. He could order it sold and appropriate the money so required to paying a part of the Count's debts, but such a step will hardly be taken."

"The Goulds may stand in the way of any radical step, or doing anything that might be calculated to humiliate the Countess. But for that matter, she may desire some curtailment of expenses herself."

"One thing is quite certain, and that is that the Countess did not know the extent of the reckless expenditures of her husband. She did not realize that she was milking the estate until it became an actual fact."

"Summed up the situation is simply this: Every dollar will be paid, the Countess Castellane's fortune will not be seriously impaired, she will not have to live in comparative poverty, and there will be no scandal involving the separation of the Count and Countess."

"The Goulds will look after this as they do all of their family affairs, quietly and well."

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Henry Bergman, five years old, fell from the fifth-floor landing to the third of 205 East Ninety-eighth street and received contusion of the brain. He was taken to the children's hospital.

Charles Weber, fifteen years old, fell from the first-story window of the basement at 172 West Sixty-seventh street and broke both arms. He was taken to Roosevelt hospital.

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Dr. Bull continued in saying: "There are white tablets of this sort, but I never use them. I myself am not very well acquainted with the effects the tablets would have when taken internally. I know they would cause extreme congestion of the bowels and severe inflammation. I do not know whether they would kill a man unless taken in large quantities."

"This part of medicine is foreign to me, but in talking to my sons they think it highly improbable that these tablets would have been taken in large doses. They are sold at drug stores like headache drops and other articles, without any red lines, and that is why they could be easily secured. As a face wash mercury is perfectly harmless."

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